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## UPCOMING events

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### Reforma: Local Chapter Interest Meeting: 08/12/2021

Join other library staff in discussing steps to start a South Carolina chapter of [REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking](#).

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### Third Thursday Data Chat: 08/19/21

Dive into data with the [Charleston County Public Library](#) team to learn how to create and maintain a data portal for your library.

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### Ubiquitously Southern: What Two Southern Staples Reveal about

From college athletics to the allure of Waffle House, authors Micah Cash and Ed Southern share how their books explore cultural fixtures of life in the South.

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## Exercise Your Emergency Mind

Don't get caught off guard. Register for the [Emergency Preparedness Summit](#) on September 9 and 10 in Columbia. Library administrators, staff, and partners will boost preparation skills and learn how to cope during disasters and after they occur. Featured topics include:

- Design before a disaster
- Crisis communications
- Mental health for staff
- Considerations for people with disabilities

Colleagues will share their experiences with disasters and how librarians can serve. Highlights include the FEMA Ambassador Program, NEDCC Collections and Salvage Workshop, and a disaster plan stress test. Registration is \$25. [Visit our website](#) for payment and hotel information.



## Accessing Success

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced buildings to close and networks to flourish, we realized that equal access to information is more than a mission for libraries; it is a mantra. Rural libraries needed help providing Wifi access to patrons. We met the need by offering these libraries CARES/LSTA funding from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#). Through our [AccessSC](#)



## Summer Talking Book Tales

Our [Talking Book Services](#) patrons made a big splash during this year's summer reading program, reading 2850 hours and 534 books combined. Reader advisors visited virtually with campers at [Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind](#) to answer questions, encourage patrons, and host a storytime featuring Dolly Parton's book *I am a Rainbow*. Talking Book Services provided

[program](#), they purchased loanable hotspot devices, which students used to stay connected. Nursing school graduate Emily Branton said, “The [Marlboro County Library](#) was vital in helping me stay focused and providing me needed resources to be successful. I completed my degree in May 2021 and am now a registered nurse. I could not have accomplished this without the library and its amazing staff!”

campers with craft kits, tactile decorations to create their rainbow and celebrate the book’s message. The fun does not end when the temperatures drop; the winter reading program begins January 1, 2022.

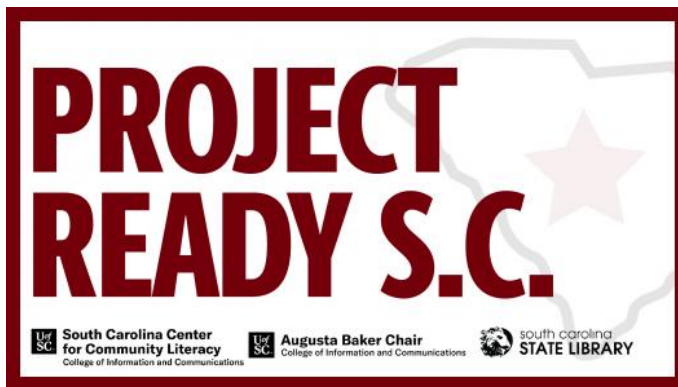
## Data Bootcamp

This hands-on workshop demonstrates how to use data for savvy and strategic planning. The immersive boot camp-style teaching presents practical, strategic methods of gathering, analyzing, and using data to make decisions and communicate impact. Library staff eager to develop a peer network to support research and evaluation efforts should [register to join us in Columbia on September 21 and 22](#).



## Get READY

The [South Carolina Center for Community Literacy](#), the [Augusta Baker Endowed Chair for Childhood Literacy](#), and the [South Carolina State Library](#) are pleased to announce the second annual [Project READY S.C.](#) learning cohort course. This course provides professional development for school and public youth services librarians, focused on foundational concepts relating to racial equity, emphasizing services to Black, Indigenous, and Youth of Color. We offer Project READY S.C. in two segments; the Foundations portion begins in October and ends in mid-December. Applications close August 16, 2021.





## Back to School with Discus

Students head back to class soon. Edgar, one of two regal lions outside our building, is ready for the new school year thanks to [Discus- South Carolina's Virtual Library](https://discus.org). This year's swag box contains these sporty green backpacks, along with other school supplies. Media specialists at South Carolina K-12 schools should receive their Discus kit soon if they have not already. Tag us on Twitter and Facebook @SCDiscus and show us how you use your Discus swag.

# Letters About Literature

## Award-Winning Works

We cannot begin a new school year without celebrating our 2020/2021 Letters About Literature contest winners. The young writers composed letters to their favorite authors; they are prime examples of the creativity that flourishes throughout South Carolina. [Visit our website](#) for the list of winners.



## Kits for All Occasions

Are you looking for programming ideas for the fall? The State Library loans kits to public libraries to use for programs. September is full of observances that tie in well with our themed kits. Check out these ideas and, then, [visit our website to reserve equipment](#). Contact [Statewide Program Coordinator Chrissie McGovern](#) for more information.

- [National Video Games Day](#)- Gaming kits, virtual reality kits
- [Kids Take over the Kitchen Day](#)- Kitchen-in-a-box kits
- [National Drone Safety Awareness Week](#)- Drone kits

## Digging Through the Past

Librarians and archaeologists live by the adage, "You never know what you'll find." Lucky for both, our state documents collection hosts [issues of Legacy](#), the newsletter for the [South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology](#).





These publications showcase findings and research from across the Palmetto State, including Parris Island and Charleston Harbor. Copies of *Legacy's* predecessor, *Past Watch*, are [available through SCLends](#).

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